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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

A three-month extension of time from June 11, 2008, up to and including September 11, 2008, is hereby respectfully requested to respond to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2008. The extension fee of \$525.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a small entity is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

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